of Management of the Peerless General Finance & Investment Company;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to amend section 408 of the Companies Act retrospectively so as to render the ruling of the High Court infructuous in the interest of the depositors and certificate holders;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the proposed amendment is likely to be brought forward; and

(d) if the answer to (b) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

(d) the activities of the subject company are regulated by the Residuary Non-Banking Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1987.

Appointment of Chairman and Managing Director of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited

1991. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the appointment of Shri P. C. Sen as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited as per the application filed by the Company under Section 269 of the Companies Act;

(b) if so, what is the date on which the appointment was approved; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) No final decision has been taken in the matter.

Energy consumption in different sectors

1992. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of energy in the agricultural sector has increased;

(b) whether any survey was conducted by the confederation of engineering industries in this regard; and

(c) iff so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Confederation of Engineering Industry (CEI) has not conducted any specific survey in this regard. The figures of energy consumption in the agricultural sector quoted by the CEI in their pamphlet on Power Scenario are based on a publication of the Central Electricity Authority. It shows that the share of agricultural sector in the consumption of electricity has gone up from 6.0 per cent in 1960-61 to 19.1 per cent in 1985-86.

Prices of Rifampicin Formulations

1993. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3723 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 198 8and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Rifampicin 600 mg and Rifampicin plus INH plus vitamin B6 have not yet been on the reduced price of bulk drug;

(b) if so, when and what are the prices fixed for each;